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[Translation]

Power Projects in Delhi

5294. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to grant approval to certain power projects for Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance has been sought by the Government of Delhi for the above said projects, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHAIRI) : (a) and (b) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have accorded in principle clearance to the proposal of the Government of Delhi for setting up of New Delhi TPS of capacity 300 MW in the private sector. No proposal of the Government of Delhi is pending in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for accord of Techno Economic Clearance as on date.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of LPG

5295. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several schemes are under formulation to increase the indigenous production of LPG;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated annual capacity of each of the scheme;

(c) whether formulation of these schemes is running behind the targetted schedule;

(d) if so, how far the formulation of said schemes is running behind the targetted schedule alongwith the cost over-run therof; and

(e) the revised targetted time for completion of the above schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Non-Conventional Energy Sources in Assam

5296. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Assam for generation of power through Non-Conventional Energy Sources during the Eighth Five Year Plan, year-wise;

(b) the target set and the achievement made during this period; and

(c) the steps taken to generate power through Non-Conventional Energy Sources in the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No proposals for generation of grid quality power through Non-Conventional Energy Sources have so far been received from Assam during the Eighth Plan period. Specific State-wise and year-wise targets have not been fixed.

(c) Resource Assessments and Feasibility Studies are being supported with a view to develop projects for generation of power from Non-Conventional Energy Sources based on Wind, Small Hydro and Biomass. Assam is included among the States participating in the Hilly Hydro project being supported by United Nations Development Programme and Global Environmental Facility. Guidelines have been forwarded to the State Govt. for announcement of a policy for generation of power by private sector from Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The State Govt. has also been advised to establish a separate agency for development of Non-Conventional Energy Soures in the State.

Stagnation of Section Officers

5297. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officers in the grade of Section Officers and Under Secretaries have been stagnating in their respective posts for the last 10-15 years;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for career development of these officers;

(c) whether the select lists of these officers have not been brought out for the last 10 years;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which these select lists are likely to be brought out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (e) No Select List (SL) for regular promotion to Grade I as Under Secretary (U.S.) could be prepared after the 1986 SL owing to protracted litigation regarding inter se seniority of directly recruited and promotee Section Officers (SOs). As a result, regular promotions from Under Secretary's Grade to Deputy Secretary's Grade of Central Secretariat Services (CSS) have also been affected. The Common Seniority List (CSL) of SOs has since been issued on 15.5.1996 in compliance with the order dated 22.3.1995 of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT). The action will be taken to prepare regular panels for U.S. by holding meetings of DPC. The exercise of preparing such panels will involve preparation of a list of eligible SOs/Private Secretaries of CSSS, collection of up-to-date CR dossiers of the officers covered in the zone of consideration, constitution of DPC, etc. The exercise is time-consuming, and it is not feasible to specify a definite time for its completion.

[Translation]

Financial Assistance to Bihar

5298. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bihar has been allocated less financial assistance in comparison with other States since the First Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the Central Assistance for the development of a backward State like Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) Allocations of Central Assistance for State Plans from the Fourth Five Year Plan onwards have been according to various criteria laid down under the formula approved time to time, by the National Development Council. The criteria of population (60%) and per capita income (25%) are weighted highly in favour of backward States (including Bihar). Bihar has been allocated the next highest amount of Central Assistance after Uttar Pradesh. Prior to the Fourth Five Year Plan, the allocations of Central Assistance were based on actual utilisation by the States under various schemes/ programmes.

[English]

Rural Housing

5299. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a task force to promote rural housing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) : In the year 1995, a Task Force on Rural Housing was constituted to enlarge the scope and outlook of the entire rural housing programme. The terms of reference of the Task Force were to identify thrust areas in policy, suggest necessary changes in the guidelines to broad-base the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) and also to implement housing programme by involving voluntary organisations through Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART). During 1995-96, the CAPART sanctioned construction of more than 30,000 houses under IAY with the help of the Task Force. The Government also organised four national seminars on rural housing with a view to identify various technology/material options suited to various geo-climatic conditions with the assistance and cooperation of the Chairman and other members of the Task Force.

Restructuring Oil Sector

5300. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high level Restructuring Committee in petroleum sector has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) the reaction of the government thereto; and

(d) the details of action taken/proposed in this regard?